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&c., &c., &c.

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Hongkong, 10th November, 1882. [296]

Insurances.

THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD of UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881. [457]

NOTICE.

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The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN

Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE.

No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1882. [81]

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....\$1,420,000.00

PERMANENT RESERVE.....\$1,230,000.00

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....\$1,290,553.95

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATIONS, 8th May, 1882.....\$1,940,553.95

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Hongkong, 13th May, 1882. [53]

GENERAL NOTICE.

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RESERVE FUND.....\$70,558.27

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1882. [60]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE GOLDEN SCISSOR.

No. 15, POTTERY STREET.

A. M. ROBIN

(Late of T. M. LAWSON'S, CALCUTTA.)

TAILOR, Shirt and Breeches Maker, and General Outfitter. Mr. ROBIN invites Public Patronage, and guarantees a perfect fit at Moderate Charges.

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THE GOLDEN SCISSOR.

No. 15, Pottery Street.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1882. [177]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PROPERTY AT YOWMATEE.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 28th December, 1882, at 3 o'clock P.M., on the Premises—

(1st Lot.)

ALL those PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND at Yowmatee Registered in the Land Office as Sections E D and the Remaining Portion of Kowloon INLAND LOT No. 107, measuring North and South sides 50 feet, East 48 feet, West 46 feet. Together with the HOUSE No. 32, Temple Street.

Also,

(2nd Lot.)

ALL that VACANT PIECE of GROUND measuring 100 by 100 feet and Registered as KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 58.

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1882. [834]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

PROPERTY IN HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 29th December, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the Premises,

ALL those PIECES or PARCELS of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOTS 62, 194, and 198. Together with the Nine Newly Built HOUSES in Hollywood Road, Nos. 41 to 57, (will be Sold in Nine Separate Lots).

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1882. [835]

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF

VALUABLE PROPERTY

In Queen's Road Central and Jervois Street.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the MORTGAGEE to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 30th day of December, 1882, at 3 P.M., on the Premises,

All that Piece or Parcel of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of Section D of INLAND LOT No. 202, measuring on the North side on Jervois Street 41 feet 3 inches, on the South side on Queen's Road Central 50 feet, on the East side 34 feet 3 inches, and on the West side 44 feet.

Together with the 3 HOUSES in Queen's Road Central Nos. 233, 235, 237 and on Jervois Street, Nos. 58, 60, and 62. Held for 999 years from the 3rd June, 1846. Yearly Crown Rent \$

For Further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1882. [839]

Intimations.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE JOAO JOSE DA SILVA E SOUZA

of Victoria, Hongkong, Printer, having been Adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for Adjudication Filed in the Supreme Court of Hongkong in Bankruptcy on the 6th day of December, 1882, is hereby required to surrender himself to EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, the Registrar of the said Court, at the FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS to be held by the said Registrar on the 3rd January, 1883, at 11 o'clock in the Forenoon, precisely, at his CHAMBERS, SUPREME COURT.

The said EDWARD JAMES ACKROYD, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Messrs. STEPHENS and HOLMES are the Solicitors in the Bankruptcy.

A Public sitting will hereafter be appointed by the said Court for the said Bankrupt to pass his final Examination, and to make application for his Discharge, of which sitting due notice will be given in the "HONGKONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE."

At the First Meeting of Creditors the Registrar will receive the proofs of the Debts of the Creditors, and the Creditors who shall have proved their Debts respectively, or the majority in value of the said Creditors, are hereby directed to choose at such meeting an Assignee, or Assignees, of the Bankrupt's Estate, to be called the Creditors' Assignee or Assignees.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1882.

STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors in the Matter.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company

will be CLOSED from the 25th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. MC LAURIN, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [829]

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company

will be CLOSED from the 31st instant, until the 8th proximo, both days inclusive.

(Signed) W. SIDNEY BAMSEY, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1882. [827]

NOTICE.

I have THIS DAY PURCHASED under a Bill of Sale, the GOODWILL, PLANT, MACHINERY, STOCK-IN-TRADE and FIXTURES of the FIRM of DE SOUZA & Co., PRINTERS, &c., of HONGKONG, and beg to intimate that I will carry on the BUSINESS under the same Name.

By strict attention, First-class Workmanship, and Moderate Charges I hope to merit the Patronage of the Hongkong public.

F. D. GURDES.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1882. [817]

Intimations.

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.

WE ARE NOW SHEWING EX. "RECENT ARRIVALS."

ALL WOOL SCOTCH PLAIDS, AT 45 CENTS PER YARD.

LADIES FUR-LINED CLOAKS FROM \$12 TO \$80 EACH.

CLOTH AND MATALASSE DOLMANS, MANTLES, AND JACKETS, IN NEWEST SHAPES.

NOVELTIES DIRECT FROM PARIS IN

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NOVELTIES IN CORSET LACE, AND CLASP KID GLOVES.

INFANTS', CHILDREN'S AND LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES IN EVERY SIZE.

&c., &c., &c., &c., &c.

A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.

SAYLE & CO.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG. [659]

Hongkong, 16th November, 1882.

W. BREWER

IS NOW SHOWING A LARGE CONSIGNMENT

OF

VERY CHOICE

FINE ART GOODS,

CONSISTING OF

PANEL PICTURES OF SCOTCH SCENERY IN OILS.

LARGE OIL COLOURS IN MASSIVE FRAMES.

FINELY FINISHED AND RETOUCHEO

OLEOGRAPHS, ORIGINAL ENGRAVINGS, &c., &c., &c.

PRICES, VERY MODERATE.

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QUEEN'S ROAD. [703]

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1882.

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MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

NOW SHOWING A LARGE AND SELECT ASSORTMENT

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TOYS AND NOVELTIES

IN

ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND AMERICAN GOODS,

VERY SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

ALSO

Just Opened

BOOKS OF REFERENCE IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH,

RELIGIOUS WORKS IN ELEGANTLY BOUND COVERS,

PICKWICK PAPERS,

AND

A VARIETY OF CHEAP NOVELS.

ALL QUITE NEW AND OFFERED AT MODERATE PRICES.

S. MEYERS,

Manager. [661]

Hongkong, 6th December, 1882.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

1882-1883.

NOVELTIES FOR AUTUMN AND WINTER.

ROSE & CO.

ARE NOW SHOWING THEIR NOVELTIES FOR

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ELEGANTLY DESIGNED CLOCKS.

VASES, JARDINIERS, LANDSCAPE PAINTED PLATES.

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LOCKYER'S HAIR RESTORER.

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A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT CASH PAYMENT.

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31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD—HONGKONG. [679]

Hongkong, 7th December, 1882.

Intimations.

THE LONDON & SINGAPORE ANTI-FOULING PAINT COMPANY, LIMITED.

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Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & CO.
INVITE INSPECTION OF A WELL
SELECTED STOCK OF
FANCY CHRISTMAS
GOODS,COMPRISING —
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS
IN GREAT VARIETY.

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ATKINSON'S, HENDRIE'S, AND LUBIN'S
PERFUMES.

&C., &C., &C.

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CHEMISTS, DRUGGISTS
AND
PERFUMERS.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
ESTABLISHED 1841. [431]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than THREE O'CLOCK, so as not to retard the early publication of the paper.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Arrangements have been made to publish The Hongkong Telegraph daily at 4 P.M. Subscribers in the central districts who do not receive their copies before Five O'CLOCK will be obliged by at once communicating with the Manager.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.
At the request of numerous subscribers, we have decided to publish fortnightly, from the beginning of the New Year, a Special Mail issue of the Hongkong Telegraph, to be circulated on the morning of the departure of the English mail steamer. This paper will contain a complete summary of the news for the preceding fortnight, together with reliable share and market reports, and other items of interest, and will be published independently of our usual afternoon issue.

We regret that it has been found necessary, in order to maintain our high standard, to slightly increase the price of the Telegraph, the subscription to which, after January 1st 1883, will be \$24 PER ANNUM, an alteration which, we trust, will meet with the approval of our friends and supporters.

Our mail issue will be circulated gratis to subscribers only.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1882.

"BANIAN" the beautiful and amiable, has been again distinguishing himself. This modest youth, with that chaotic air of high bred refinement which so eminently characterized his elegant dissertations on the "Bucket," and bed-chamber-mysteries, has celebrated Christmas by covering himself, in the columns of the Daily Press, with such a thick coating of self-laudation, that even BANDMAN'S notorious trumpet-blowing achievements pale their ineffectual fires before the prowess of our local champion. "Banian" feels satisfaction for having been able, thanks to H.E. the Administrator, to conduce to the prevention of certain abuses, and to the amelioration of some matters requiring amendment; but, singularly enough, he modestly refrains from mentioning the abuses he has prevented, or the improvements he has effected. It would really be interesting to know what abuses "Banian" has prevented, and what improvements he has, thanks to H.E. the Administrator, brought about. The public naturally wish to know the full extent of their obligations to this benefactor of mankind—we had almost written "benefactor of his species" but that would have been treading on delicate ground. We have no exalted opinion of "Banian's" imitator, "Cuttle," but that reference of his to the "failing powers" of the author of "Chit-chat" was certainly well-founded. "Banian's" latest contribution to the literature of the period is hardly so to his old form. Briefly stated, "Chit-chat" in this morning's Press consists of seven dry-as-dust paragraphs cribbed from the Graphic, Overland Mail and other journals. A childish allusion to Christmas, stale references to the forthcoming performance in aid of the distressed people of the Philippines, and a police court case in which a well-known resident was fined a nominal sum for upsetting a

hawker's stall, a painful attempt to throw mud at Governor HENNESSY (in which "Banian" plainly makes himself a vulgar liar), some ignorant and illiterate nonsense about the race-course and racing matters, a feeble description of a drunken row between Sikh policemen and Russian sailors which did not take place outside the Club on Christmas Day, some exceedingly fulsome flatteries of his own (imaginary) transcendent abilities, and what is intended to be a crusher to the aforementioned "Cuttle."

By writing weekly hashes of this trashy rubbish during the past six months "Banian" has, according to his own statements—which, by the way, are unsupported by any sort of evidence—proved himself a public benefactor. It is to be hoped that the public will show their gratitude for favors received in becoming fashion—that is, of course, when they clearly understand what they have to be grateful for. At present there appears to exist considerable doubt in many circles whether our social feeble imitation of a sort of semi-emaculated Paul Pry has not been far more of a public nuisance than a useful reformer. His famous "notes" on "the Bucket," his indelicate comments on certain portions of the female form divine, his recherché underclothing experiences, and a most blackguardly and cowardly outrage on the honorable traditions of a free press in publishing the private letter of a subordinate public officer who wrote to correct a gross error, form the sum and substance of "Banian's" claims to public gratitude. Truly enough he has consistently abused and vilified Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY, but as that was certainly no new feature in our local journalism, we think it will scarcely be deemed a sufficiently meritorious public act to entitle the gifted and polished author to a niche in the temple of fame.

Where then, we repeat, are the abuses "Banian" has prevented, where the matters requiring amendment he has ameliorated? If this mysterious Junius of the Daily Press is entitled to a statue let him have it by all means—and let it be made of brass as that will admirably match his matchless effrontery and overweening self-conceit. The Hongkong community, whatever may be its other faults, cannot be accused of meanness. It seems therefore that the claims to public recognition which this pseudo-anonymous literary free-lance so persistently urges week after week must have a flaw somewhere. If "Banian," as an introduction to his New Year's "Chit-chat," will only favor the world with a plain statement of all these wonderful things he claims to have achieved for the public weal, it will throw a great deal of light on our present utter darkness, and set him right with a vast number of persons who are, as matters stand, inclined to regard him (or they—whichever it is) as a shallow humbug.

In leaving "Banian" to those pleasing reflections which his philanthropic journalism and its gratifying results must have engendered, we would, with all deference and due humility, respectfully offer one word of counsel to this (in his own opinion) Socrates of the Far East. The Daily Press despot's gigantic mind undoubtedly grasps a widely extended range of subjects; but we would humbly suggest that even "Banian"—modern *Nicholas* as he with such charming *naïveté* professes to be—does not know everything. Judged on his bare merits (*vide* "Chit-chat" in our morning contemporary) "Banian," on his own showing, might so far as general knowledge of men and things, and true worldly wisdom are concerned, be safely backed to give either Solomon, or Socrates a good deal of weight and an easy beating, and yet not quite attain perfection. Although this truism must be clearly apparent even to Hongkong's brightest literary ornament, we must confess that we feel extreme diffidence in hinting that, if "Banian" would only have the courage to be ignorant of a great number of things in order to avoid the calamity of being ignorant of everything, his future utterances would increase in value ten-fold, and we might have grounds for saying of him, in the language of the immortal Shakespeare—

"Too modest are you;
More cruel to your good report, than grateful
To us that give you truly."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended 24th December, were—European 187, Chinese 3,005; total, 3,192.

THERE will be a parade and inspection of the Government Fire Brigade at the Central Fire Brigade Station at 3 p.m. to-morrow, Thursday.

KWOK CHAT SING, a coolie by profession, admitted collaring a spat yesterday, valued at half a dollar, and was, this morning, sent to fourteen days' hard labor for his little Xmas freak.

FOR stealing a ball of opium of the value of \$5—Tsang Asun, who coolly admitted the theft, was sent to Langkok for the space of three months in Hayward's model boarding establishment, hard labor being added to keep Mr. Tsang Asun's muscles from getting soft during his separation from the busy world.

WONG TIN SING, a coolie with a sweet tooth, was up this morning before "his Washup" Mr. H.E. Wodehouse, charged with stealing seven pounds of sugar, valued at 25 cents. Defendant said, he picked up the sugar from the ground, and doubtless he did; but as he picked it up with the full intention of unlawfully walking off, the magistrate sent him to rusticate for seven days under the paternal care of Mr. Hayward, and further provided him with that gentle exercise known as "hard labour" during his temporary retirement.

WONG A LOI and WONG A KI, hawkers, charged with selling opium and spirituous liquors, without being licensed to deal in such articles, were fined \$50, each, with the option of six weeks' hard labor. The defendants went to gaol. His worship further ordered defendants' boat, liquors, jars and other articles used in their nefarious trade to be sold, one half of the proceeds to go into the Government purse, the other half to go to the party, known as the "informers," who "blowed the gaff" on the illicit traders.

A TELEGRAM from Rome, dated the 21st ultimo, announces the death of Cardinal Sanguigni, the Papal Nuncio to Portugal. It was only yesterday we quoted from a home paper that the Cardinal had provoked a serious conflict with the Lisbon Government owing to his objecting to the selection and nomination by the State authorities of Liberal ecclesiastics to fill the vacant Bishops' sees. The Lisbon press were unanimous in urging the Government to return the credentials of the Nuncio as a reply to his outrage on the national rights and dignity, when the grim reaper Death stepped in and solved the difficulty.

CHAN AKWAI, a fishmonger, who admitted several previous convictions for assault and larceny, was this morning charged with annexing a crane turban of the value of \$3.30. Defendant said he did not steal the turban: "bell-topper" it somehow or other got into his fists while he was taking a hand in a free fight with a crowd of his compatriots. For the next three months Mr. Chan Akwai will have a very scanty opportunity of indulging his pugilistic habit, or taking other peoples' head gear, as Mr. Wodehouse showed his sense of Mr. Akwai's unseemly behaviour by sending him to three months' imprisonment with hard labor.

FOR stealing a pair of pants of the value of thirty cents, Chan Yu, another member of the coolie persuasion, was sent to hard labour for the space of a month. It appears that defendant is a suspicious sort of a "cuss" and was armed with a bag such as is carried by petty pilferers for the purpose of hiding the spoil, and this circumstance probably had something to do with the Magistrate's sending the "pants snatcher" to quod for a month. Giving a collar of unconsidered trifles a sentence at the rate of one day for every cent's value of the property stolen may do much towards keeping these shady characters from their evil ways.

THE Daily Press is original if nothing else. In its issue of this morning it says—"Christmas Day was celebrated in Hongkong in the usual manner, the day being universally observed as a holiday. Most of the vessels in harbour dressed ship in honour of the occasion." The special paragraphist of our worthy and eminently reliable contemporary was most certainly celebrating Christmas "in the usual manner" when he observed that "most of the vessels in harbour dressed ship in honour of the occasion." At the present time there are some 36 steamers, 38 sailing vessels, and about 20 men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour. On Christmas Day the steamers *Glenavon*, *Coniston*, *Douglas* and *Fokien*, and three or four sailing vessels "dressed ship"—certainly not more than ten in all, including every description of foreign-built craft. And yet the reliable morning print says that "most of the vessels in harbour dressed ship." This is certainly only a very small matter, but this sort of recklessness in minor affairs may be safely taken as an indication of the reliable (?) nature of Daily Press news generally. The gifted editor, enterprising staff of statisticians, scribes and paste warriors, and short-hand reporters of the *Maudslayi* want a lot of looking after. We trust they have spent a merry Christmas.

SAYS the *Graphic*—Truly the trouser is an ugly garment, and the only things to be said in its favor are that it covers the lower part of the body—the upper as well among the Miggleses of the seaside—and is warm. Nothing can be worse adapted for a muddy day, when the back becomes caked with mud and makes a smooth coating of the plastic soil upon the heel of the boot. If not tucked up it imbues the moisture on a wet day, and takes hours to dry, and in the case of soldiers has been proved to be so unsatisfactory that those slowly moving people, the military authorities, have largely favored leggings, leather bottoms to the legs, and in the cavalry, pantaloons and boots. If, then, the trouser be condemned in so wholesale a style, what is to take its place—the knickerbocker? Well, that certainly is not graceful, but a more comfortable garment could scarcely be found. The old-fashioned pantaloons? Certainly not if it is to be buttoned at the ankle and tied up with strings. The breeches of our grandfathers, the regular old John Bull mode, with shoes in the fine weather and top boots in wet. We might do worse, and nothing could be more English in its style. There is the ethnically-shaped garment of your Bonhomie and your Archibald Grosvenor. Not bad if made of decent material, and not of velvet or a moonlight gray. Taken altogether, for a lower garment, there is nothing that suggests utility and tolerably graceful look more than some modified form of the dress affected in the Carolinian or Cromwellian days. We are talking to the furniture, and the best of this is really good. Why not modify the dress? Still there is something more to say—time is flying very fast, and it is really late, and we are living at a hundred times the rate of our ancestors, and after all said and done, we have too much to think of with our heads to trouble ourselves greatly about our legs.

THE steamship *Sumatra* and the barque *Helios* went up to Aberdeen Dock to-day. H.M.'s ship *Wivern* undocked, and the gunboats *Tweed* and *Est* docked at the Cosmopolitan Dock.

ONE day a sporting man was anxious, from a patriotic motive, of course, to back the flocks of the Duke of Sutherland as being more extensive than those of the Hungarian Count Bathany, and asked the Count how many sheep he possessed, naming, at the same time, the number owned by the Scottish nobleman. "Well," the Bathany replied, "I don't know how many sheep I own, but I have at least as many shepherds as that." The would-be patriotic Scot immediately took a back seat.

THE people of Ootacamund say a contemporary, are favoured above other nations. The soil of the land upon which they live is particularly adapted to the growth of the jalap plant. This fact has but recently been discovered. Nevertheless, we are informed that "besides supplying a quantity of dry tuber to the medical stores at Madras the curator has distributed no fewer than three thousand three hundred and eighty-four tubers to various persons for propagation." What a healthy race of people these good jalap growers should be! Cockle, Part, Morrison, Holloway, and others of that ilk do not even have a look in.

IT may interest our readers to know that the first record of a breach of promise action in England was that brought before the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1454, against "John Keche of Ypocrysyah." The gay John not only promised to take Alice Gaudinger for better or for worse, but he had taken the sum of ten marks, cash in advance, by way of dowry, and after pocketing the "spoons," he went away and married another girl with the horrid name of Bloy, "to the great decay of the said Alice, and agayn all resoun and consensence." It is not recorded what the Archbishop said to the fickle John, but he deserved to "Keche" it hot. Nothing can excuse his taking the girl's money.

THE meanest man in Europe lives at Berlin. He wooed and won a Jewish maiden who possessed considerable property. A marriage contract was drawn up in which was a proviso stipulating that should any impediment arise to prevent the marriage the sum of 90,000 marks should be forfeited to the injured party. The lady, intending to give her future husband a pleasant surprise, secretly renounced Judaism and entered the Lutheran Church. Meanwhile the man had discovered a richer woman willing to marry him. He not only made the lady's change of religion to his own excuse for refusing to marry her, but has actually sued her for the 90,000 marks, and has recovered them in a Court of Law.

THE Increase of Population.—According to the quarterly return of the Registrar-General, the resident population of the United Kingdom in the middle of 1882 is estimated at 35,289,299 persons; that of England and Wales at 26,406,820, of Scotland at 3,784,400, and of Ireland at 5,088,079. In the United Kingdom the births of 282,216 children, and the deaths of 153,343 persons, were registered in the three months ending Sept. 30. The recorded natural increase of population was thus 128,873. The registered number of persons married in the quarter ending June 30, was 128,572. The birth-rate in the United Kingdom in the third quarter of 1882 was 31.5 per 1,000, and the death-rate 17.2. The marriage-rate in the second quarter of the year was 14.6 per 1,000.

NOR many cases of extreme old age are so well authenticated as that of Mme. George, nee Pidault, who was born on the 21st April, 1766, and who is still living at Lury, in the department of Saone-et-Loire. Her life consequently extends back to the time of Louis XV., and her memory to the scenes of the reign of Louis XVI., the Revolution, the Directory, the Consulate, the Empire, the Restoration, and the reign of Louis Philippe, the Republic, the second Empire and the third Republic. Her husband was killed by a Wurtemberg soldier at the invasion of 1814; and in three years it will be exactly a century since she married, for she was only eighteen at the time. The old lady is in capital health, enjoys all her faculties, and loves to recount the incidents of her long life.

A SERIOUS duel (says the *Olebo*) has been fought just outside Paris, between Mr. Maurice L.—T—, the well-known sportsman, and a Russian gentleman, Count B—. The quarrel originated in the public dining-room of the *Maison Dorée*. Mr. L.—T—, who was sitting at a table close to the Count's party, heard the latter mention the name of a lady who is living apart from her husband in very disparaging terms. He went over to the Count and expostulated with him as to the infamous manner in which the lady had been alluded to in a public place. A violent altercation ensued, and a blow was struck. Cards were exchanged, and the result was such that the seconds of the two gentlemen agreed that a duel should be fought until one or other of the principals was *hors de combat*. The weapon chosen was the revolver, and the distance twenty-five paces, could be decreased to fifteen at will. Both were to fire together, and at the word of command. The duel was kept very quiet; in fact, the newspaper announced that an amicable understanding had been arrived at. The combatants were driven outside Paris without any one noticing them, and a quiet place was soon found. The opponents were placed face to face at twenty-five paces, which they at once decreased, each advancing five paces. Four shots were exchanged. Mr. L.—T—remained unhurt. His first bullet went through his opponent's shoulder, and the second struck him on the forehead splintering the bone, and causing a wound which brought the duel to an end. Notwithstanding the serious nature of the wound, Count B—insisted on being taken to the Gare d'Orsay, which station he left in the evening, accompanied by two doctors, in a cab for his residence.

MARKOFF and Kinastoff, two noble specimens of the Russian seamen type, were up before Mr. Wodehouse this morning, on the very serious charge of being drunk, and assaulting the limbs of the law in the execution of their duty. An examination into the case showed that it was merely a slight misunderstanding between the tars and a wheel-barrow man that had caused the trouble, so the magistrate sent the two stalwart Russian specimens about their business.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

The veteran sporting oracle of the Shanghai *Mercury*, the erudite and versatile Lord Charles, has once more let loose the mutinous winds of his carefully nursed wrath against "An Old Sportsman" and still he is not happy. In a recent number of his amusing "mg," under the heading "A Curious Race," he publishes the following yarn, which had previously appeared in the *Court Circular*:—"A story which reaches us from India is worth recording. At a recent race-meeting up the country, three horses were entered to start for the principal cup, owned by persons whom we will call A, B, and C. Now, one of the conditions made by the giver of the prize was that not less than three horses should compete for it. It appears, however, that A. had backed D's horse for a large sum, and B. had done the same thing as regards A's animal, while C. had laid largely against his own mount. On the morning of the race A. produced a veterinary certificate to the effect that his animal was unfit to run; he, however, said, that in order not to deprive his two competitors of the chance of winning the cup, he should start his horse and pull him up at the end of a hundred yards. B. determined to wait on A; but finding this method of no use, since the former's horse was brought to a standstill, he caused his own mount to bolt out of the course. Consequently C. was bound to ride over and win against his own interests; but he was not to be outwitted. In galloping along he surreptitiously extracted and threw away some of his weight. Consequently, when he returned to scale, vehemently asserting that he had been cheated by A. and B., he was found to be 7lb. too light. To this day, it is not decided who really won the cup, and consequently all bets made on the event remain unsettled."

In commenting on this Indian romance Lord Charles could not resist the temptation to have a sly dig at "An Old Sportsman," and he accordingly proceeds in this style—"It is a pity this did not happen in Hongkong; the veteran sporting authority there, who knows more about racing than any mortal man and who has such a command of Billingsgate, might be able to decide by whom the race was won, and he might freshen up his style by using some rather stronger language, if possible, than he uses towards people who are ordinarily regarded as respectable members of society, but we fear he must have already exhausted the Billingsgate vocabulary." Judging from this singular outburst it is plainly evident that the Shanghai celebrity, feeling the sting of a few remarks which I felt compelled to make in self defence some short time before, had lost his temper, and whatever slight amount of commonsense he ever possessed; however, his lordship is entitled to a fresh paragraph.

Lord Charles's literary style is not a pronounced success. His diction is anything but choice, his meaning is not always clearly apparent, and his non-observance of the simplest rules of grammar would have a tendency to upset the weak nerves of those foolish persons who imagine that some slight acquaintance with the famous work associated with the name of Lindley Murray is a *shin quid non* for a newspaper writer. The ungrammatical horse-reporter and operative critic of the *Mercury* would have suited a former colleague of mine—Mr. John Corlett, "Vigilant and the Wizard" of the *Sportsman* in its palmy days, and for the past eight or nine years editor and proprietor of the *Sporting Times*. In one respect at least, although I fear in the main essentials of a popular writer, he would have been found sadly deficient. Corlett used to say that he never refused an ungrammatical contribution on account of its being ungrammatical (if in other respects it was satisfactory, adding, with a good deal of truth it must be admitted, that ultra-correct grammarians seldom knew anything worth knowing outside the pages of Douglas or Murray. And like the celebrated Editor of the "Little Pink 'un," I could condone Lord Charles's grammatical errors if the substance of his sporting effusions possessed the slightest amount of interest. But bad grammar when added to stupid twaddle becomes too big a pill to swallow, so that, considering the blunted arrows of the *Mercury's* wit are aimed at me with hostile intent, I feel quite justified in doing my level best to reform a misguided individual by showering on him those paper bullets of the brain, which are known to the world as ridicule.

With regard to the "Curious Race," the question at issue was such a simple one that any person with the slightest knowledge of the laws which govern horse racing could not possibly have made a mistake in deciding the matter. Even a greenhorn like the Shanghai *Mercury* authority could hardly have erred in arriving at a correct conclusion. The Cup was given to be run for under certain conditions; not one of the three competitors complied with these conditions—two did not cover the distance and the third was unable to draw the stipulated weight—and the result of course was that the race was declared null and void, and all bets off. The person who originally wrote the account of the race in India evidently knew as much about racing—neither more nor less—as Lord Charles, and the sum total of this knowledge was nil.

I have not yet finished with the gushing horse man of the *Mercury*. Some considerable time ago that worthy artist, when commenting on sporting letters and articles which appeared in this journal, inaugurated and sustained in a course of gross personalities towards the members of the staff who were presumed to be the authors

of these emanations, and made a special point of making these references as personally offensive as a very imperfect knowledge of the English language, and a somewhat shallow intellect permitted. At first I thought these childish ravings hardly worth noticing; but when the *Mercury* oracle saw fit to go behind the *nom de plume*, and mix up the articles of the Editor of the *Telegraph* and "An Old Sportsman" with matters which in no way concerned this newspaper I deemed it advisable to "chip in." And so I applied the sting of sarcasm to my pachydermatous antagonist with sufficient vigour to slightly change his tune. In criticising a communication signed "I.C.U." which appeared in the *China Mail*, I made reference to certain race ponies the property of Mr. F.S. Gordon, and thus gave the critic of the *Mercury* an opportunity of sharpening his wit at my expense, or rather at the expense of what he was pleased to term "my collection of screws and cripples." From that time Lord Charles has found his post of sporting critic of the *Mercury* anything but a bed of roses. I remember Lord Charles telling me when I met him in Shanghai, that he used to attend race meetings in England before he came abroad, an experience which he considered sufficient to constitute him a racing authority. He did not say in what capacity he attended race meetings but I formed my own opinion on the subject. A week or two ago in facetiously writing something about one of the "screws and cripples" mentioned above, I said that it put me strongly in mind of many happy days that I had spent with his lordship on the Heath—Hamstead not Newmarket. What I actually meant to convey was that Lord Charles's racing experiences savoured more of the donkeys on Hamstead Heath than racers at Newmarket.

Possibly, this was a very poor joke; at any rate it was not an ill-natured one. However, it was too much for poor Lord Charles, who immediately rushed into print—in the correspondence columns of his own newspaper. Under the heading "Personal" he writes to the Editor of the Shanghai *Mercury* as follows:—"I have noticed that the editor of the Hongkong Telegraph is constantly referring to Lord Charles, whom he seems to mistake for some old acquaintance of his. Something puts him 'strongly' in mind of many happy days, long ago, his lordship and I have spent on the Heath—Hamstead. Some of my friends have for the last seventeen years or so called me 'Lord Charles'; in China, and I have entered race-ponies in that name, but I have not had an opportunity of spending happy days on Hamstead Heath since Mr. Fraser-Smith was born, which I am told is about 52 years ago. I have some relations who lived at Hamstead and it is apparent they must have mistaken me for one of them. I never had any acquaintance whatever with Mr. Fraser-Smith until I once, or twice, met him here at the Spring Race Meeting of 1881. Why he should call me 'my friend Lord Charles' in a newspaper I am totally at a loss to conceive. I wish to assure the public that I never had that honour." There is really nothing particularly out of the way in this somewhat childish communication, and it is only noteworthy for the writer's indulgence in the habit against which he means to protest. This Editor of the *Telegraph* never once referred to Lord Charles in that journal; Mr. Fraser-Smith never claimed even common acquaintance with that eccentric person; or with his relations at Hamstead; in fact, Mr. Fraser-Smith had just as much to do with the controversy between "An Old Sportsman" and the oracle of the *Mercury* as had Mr. Charles Rivington, and I certainly have no remembrance of ever writing that gentleman's name in any one of my numerous letters on racing gossip. That allusion to what the great Pitt called "the atrocious crime of being a young man" gives one a capital notion of the lofty minded individual Lord Charles must be. In closing this amusing controversy, the youthful writer of these lines, who is really what he claims to be—"An Old Sportsman," would respectfully remind the veteran Lord Charles that there is nothing more disgraceful than that an old man should have nothing to produce as a proof that he has lived long *happy* his age.

Foochow Winter Meeting, from a sporting point of view, seems to have been a great success, but local sportsmen had a very bad time owing to the Philippines from Shanghai swooping down, and carrying off the best part of the plunder in the shape of shakels of gold, and other precious metals. Mr. St. Andrew's blue and silver bedecked jacket was carried to the front no fewer than nine times, Driving Cloud and Jolly Friar winning twice each, Merry Monk four times and Huntsman, winner of last year's Hongkong Derby, once. The yellow and black banner of Mr. Bill showed prominently, Allegro getting home first three times, while Vivace gained twice, and Perseus and Gang Forward won a race each. Old Smith's star guided second honors on two occasions, and ran up to Jolly Friar, and Helios in the Champagne, but was unable to earn a winning bracket. This game bit of stuff is, however, in good hands, and might prove as dangerous as it is good in Wong nei-chung's (see February) Not having received a full description of the races, I am not in a position to explain what appears from the bare results to be some extraordinary in and out finishing. On the first day Driving Cloud and Perseus ran a dead heat in the two miles Compensators Cup, and the day after outwitting the leader, a short head he won where on the second day Perseus and Jolly Friar, in the Reims Cup, Perseus, and Driving Cloud only got some third some 444 yds. There are several other reports of form which a description of the races may explain. Can the times given be correct? (The racing measurements given are—2 miles 10.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 1.00, 1.10, 1.20, 1.30, 1.40, 1.50, 2.00, 2.10, 2.20, 2.30, 2.40, 2.50, 3.00, 3.10, 3.20, 3.30, 3.40, 3.50, 4.00, 4.10, 4.20, 4.30, 4.40, 4.50, 5.00, 5.10, 5.20, 5.30, 5.40, 5.50, 6.00, 6.10, 6.20, 6.30, 6.40, 6.50, 7.00, 7.10, 7.20, 7.30, 7.40, 7.50, 8.00, 8.10, 8.20, 8.30, 8.40, 8.50, 9.00, 9.10, 9.20, 9.30, 9.40, 9.50, 10.00, 10.10, 10.20, 10.30, 10.40, 10.50, 11.00, 11.10, 11.20, 11.30, 11.40, 11.50, 12.00, 12.10, 12.20, 12.30, 12.40, 12.50, 1.00

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Several feeble attempts to infuse life into share business have been made this morning, without, however, being attended with a great deal of success. A few transactions have certainly come under our notice, but as they have been merely arrangements in view of the settlements at the end of the year, they cannot be regarded as of much importance. Banks are gradually getting weaker, the stock being now freely offered at 162 per cent. premium, a fall of eight per cent. within three weeks, which is sufficiently suggestive of the true character of a large number of the sensational transactions reported at various times. Docks are also out of favor, falling to find purchasers at 53 per cent. premium. A fair cash business has been put through in Luzons at 110 and finally at 109, the stock leaving off unsteady, with sellers, at the latter quotation. These transactions have been made solely for covering purposes, as a goodly number of Luzon shares will have to be forthcoming on settling day. No other stocks require special mention.

Not a single transaction has been reported since we last wrote. We may mention, however, that there has been a slight reaction in favor of Banks, the stock being now in good demand at 163.

Exchange.
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—163 per cent. premium, buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,850 per share, buyers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share.
North China Insurance—Tls. 1,225 per share, sellers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$140 per share, sellers.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 885 per share, buyers.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$232 per share, buyers.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$1,125 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$332 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—53 per cent. premium, sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$32 per share premium.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$120 per share, buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—par. sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$190 per share, sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—130 per cent. premium.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$109 per share, sales and sellers.
Hongkong Ice Company—\$165 per share, buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$60 per share.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 percent prem. ex. int.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—24 percent prem.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/7
Bank Bills, on demand 3/7
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/7
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/7
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/8
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8
ON PARIS.—Bank, T. T. 3/8
Bank Bills, on demand 55
Credits, at 4 months' sight 65
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T. 24 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T. 24 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, T. T. 24 1/2
Bank, sight 7 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight 7 1/2

OPIUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA per picul, 85 10
OLD MALWA per picul, 85 50
(Allowance, Tals 12.)
NEW PATNA (first choice) per chest, 85 50
NEW PATNA (second) per chest, 85 25
NEW PATNA (without choice) per chest 85 45
NEW PATNA (bottom) per chest, 85 55
NEW BENAHS (without choice) per chest 85 75
NEW PERSIAN per chest, 85 50
(Allowance, Tals 32.)
OLD PERSIAN per picul, 83 20
(Allowance, Tals 32.)

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BAROMETER.	HONGKONG.	AMOI.	SHANGHAI.	MANILA.
Thermometer.	Thermometer.	Thermometer.	Thermometer.	Thermometer.
Direction of Wind.	Direction of Wind.	Direction of Wind.	Direction of Wind.	Direction of Wind.
Force.	Force.	Force.	Force.	Force.
Dry Thermometer.	Dry Thermometer.	Dry Thermometer.	Dry Thermometer.	Dry Thermometer.
Wet Thermometer.	Wet Thermometer.	Wet Thermometer.	Wet Thermometer.	Wet Thermometer.
Weather.	Weather.	Weather.	Weather.	Weather.
Hour's Rain.	Hour's Rain.	Hour's Rain.	Hour's Rain.	Hour's Rain.
Quantity of Rain.	Quantity of Rain.	Quantity of Rain.	Quantity of Rain.	Quantity of Rain.

Barometer, level of the sea in fathoms, and temperature, in Fahrenheit degrees, and time kept in the open air in a shaded situation. Direction of Wind, in registered every two points, N., N.E., E., S.E., S., S.W., W., N.W., and N. by N., and S. by S., and in heavy rain, 3 to 5 inches, 10 to 15 inches, 20 to 30 inches, 40 to 50 inches, 60 to 70 inches, 80 to 90 inches, 100 to 110 inches, 120 to 130 inches, 140 to 150 inches, 160 to 170 inches, 180 to 190 inches, 200 to 210 inches, 220 to 230 inches, 240 to 250 inches, 260 to 270 inches, 280 to 290 inches, 300 to 310 inches, 320 to 330 inches, 340 to 350 inches, 360 to 370 inches, 380 to 390 inches, 400 to 410 inches, 420 to 430 inches, 440 to 450 inches, 460 to 470 inches, 480 to 490 inches, 500 to 510 inches, 520 to 530 inches, 540 to 550 inches, 560 to 570 inches, 580 to 590 inches, 600 to 610 inches, 620 to 630 inches, 640 to 650 inches, 660 to 670 inches, 680 to 690 inches, 700 to 710 inches, 720 to 730 inches, 740 to 750 inches, 760 to 770 inches, 780 to 790 inches, 800 to 810 inches, 820 to 830 inches, 840 to 850 inches, 860 to 870 inches, 880 to 890 inches, 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1860 to 1870 inches, 1880 to 1890 inches, 1900 to 1910 inches, 1920 to 1930 inches, 1940 to 1950 inches, 1960 to 1970 inches, 1980 to 1990 inches, 2000 to 2010 inches, 2020 to 2030 inches, 2040 to 2050 inches, 2060 to 2070 inches, 2080 to 2090 inches, 2100 to 2110 inches, 2120 to 2130 inches, 2140 to 2150 inches, 2160 to 2170 inches, 2180 to 2190 inches, 2200 to 2210 inches, 2220 to 2230 inches, 2240 to 2250 inches, 2260 to 2270 inches, 2280 to 2290 inches, 2300 to 2310 inches, 2320 to 2330 inches, 2340 to 2350 inches, 2360 to 2370 inches, 2380 to 2390 inches, 2400 to 2410 inches, 2420 to 2430 inches, 2440 to 2450 inches, 2460 to 2470 inches, 2480 to 2490 inches, 2500 to 2510 inches, 2520 to 2530 inches, 2540 to 2550 inches, 2560 to 2570 inches, 2580 to 2590 inches, 2600 to 2610 inches, 2620 to 2630 inches, 2640 to 2650 inches, 2660 to 2670 inches, 2680 to 2690 inches, 2700 to 2710 inches, 2720 to 2730 inches, 2740 to 2750 inches, 2760 to 2770 inches, 2780 to 2790 inches, 2800 to 2810 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